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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR'S CONVERSATION WITH CLARK
CLIFFORD

1. CYPRUS AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU MET FOR ALMOST ONE HOUR
WITH PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR EASTERN
MEDITERRANEAN CLARK CLIFFORD JULY 26 FOR REVIEW OF RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO CYPRUS.
2. DIMITRIOU OPENED CONVERSATION BY NOTING THAT WHEN HE HAD
ASKED FOR MEETING HE HAD HOPED FOR GENERAL TOUR D'HORIZON.
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HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF JULY 20 STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER
ECEVIT RELATING TO SETTLEMENT OF NEW FAMAGUSTA HE FELT
GREATER SENSE OF CONCERN AND ANXIETY WHICH HE WISHED TO
SHARE WITH CLIFFORD. HE RECALLED PRESENTATION MADE JULY 21
TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST (STATE 171133) AND SAID THAT IN
GOC VIEW ECEVIT'S STATEMENT PROVED BAD FAITH OF TURKS,
WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH UNDERTAKINGS TO CLARK CLIFFORD AND

OTHERS TO AVOID UNILATERAL FAIT ACCOMPLI, AND CONSTITUTED "FLAGRANT MOCKERY" OF NEGOTIATING PROCESS OR AT LEAST REPRESENTED EFFORT UNDERMINE IT. DIMITRIOU NOTED GOC HAD MADE REPRESENTATIONS IN NUMBER OF CAPITALS AND HAD GENERALLY FOUND "DISMAY, DISAPPOINTMENT, AND DISPLEASURE" RE APPARENT TURKISH INTENTIONS. DIMITRIOU NOTED THAT ARCHBISHOP

MAKARIOS HAD MADE MAJOR EFFORT TO SHOW MODERATION OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS BUT NOW HE AND OTHER CYPRIOT LEADERS WERE CONCERNED, ANXIOUS AND UNCLEAR RE SITUATION AND FUTURE.

3. CLIFFORD RESPONDED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT SIGNIFICANCE TO ATTACH TO ECEVIT REMARKS WHICH HE NOTED WERE MADE ON HIS FINAL DAY AS PRIME MINISTER. CLIFFORD RECALLED THAT SHORTLY AFTER ELECTION ECEVIT HAD MADE RATHER CONCILIATORY STATEMENTS RE CYPRUS AND SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS JULY 20 STATEMENT COULD BE BEST INTERPRETED IN CONTEXT TURKISH DOMESTIC POLITICS. CLIFFORD AGREED THAT SUCH COMMENTS SUCH AS ECEVIT AND GUNES HAD MADE WERE NOT CONCILIATORY NOR DID THEY ENHANCE SENSE OF COOPERATION. HOWEVER, HE WANTED TO RESERVE JUDGMENT UNTIL HE HAD CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT GOT POLICY WAS WITH REGARD TO NEW FAMAGUSTA.

4. CLIFFORD CAUTIONED DIMITRIOU THAT ALL TURKISH STATE-CONFIDENTIAL

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MENTS DURING THIS PERIOD OF DOMESTIC POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AT FACE VALUE. HE RECALLED RECENT DEMIREL UPI INTERVIEW WHICH SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT US INVOLVEMENT IN CYPRUS QUESTION WAS NOT WELCOME.

5. CLIFFORD ASSURED DIMITRIOU THAT AS LONG AS PRESIDENT CARTER WAS INTERESTED IN SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM HE WOULD CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING IN HIS POWER TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, DESPITE WHAT MIGHT BE REGARDED AS TEMPORARY SETBACKS. WE HAVE ALWAYS RECOGNIZED THAT OUR OFFER OF GOOD SERVICES DEPENDED ON ATTITUDE OF ALL OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED. CLIFFORD SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE AREA, PERHAPS IN THE EARLY FALL, AFTER THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT GETS SETTLED. IN ANY EVENT, CLIFFORD REAFFIRMED THAT THE USG WAS JUST AS DEDICATED TO FINDING A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE AREA AS IT HAD BEEN EARLIER IN 1977. WE WANTED TO KEEP FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES AND IN ADDITION TO CYPRUS, WE WERE ALSO DEDICATED TO IMPROVEMENT OF OUR ALLIANCE RELATIONSHIPS IN THE AREA AS WELL AS DOING ANYTHING WE CAN TO PREVENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ALLIANCE MEMBERS.

6. CLIFFORD ASKED DIMITRIOU TO TELL PRESIDENT MAKARIOS THAT HE WAS NOT DISCOURAGED, THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO A FURTHER EXCHANGE WITH HIM HOPEFULLY IN THE FALL, AND THAT HE THOUGHT IT VITAL THAT A LONG RANGE VIEW BE TAKEN IF REAL PROGRESS WAS TO BE ACHIEVED. WE ALSO FELT THAT A SETTLEMENT FOR CYPRUS WOULD REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL CONCESSIONS ON THE PART OF BOTH PARTIES.

7. DIMITRIOU SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS WANTED CLIFFORD TO STAY INVOLVED. HE REITERATED GOC WELCOME FOR USG INVOLVEMENT ALSO IN SUBSTANCE OF CYPRUS PROBLEM.

8. DIMITRIOU THEN RETURNED TO FAMAGUSTA QUESTION ARGUING
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THAT STATEMENTS WERE OF LESS CONCERN THAN WAS ACTUAL START OF RESETTLEMENT, INCLUDING OPENING OF HOTEL SCH,OL. CYPRIOTS NATURALLY FEARED THE WORST, PARTICULARLY WITH ERBAKAN IN NEW TURKISH CABINET.

9. CLIFFORD SAID THAT WE CLEARLY RECOGNIZED THE SERIOUSNESS OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS; WE WERE NOT ADOPTING A DEFEATIST ATTITUDE. WE CERTAINLY UNDERSTOOD THE REACTI'N OF GOC TO RECENT STATEMENTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS, BUT FURTHER INFORMATION WOULD BE NEEDED BEFORE WE COULD REALLY ASSESS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PRESENT SITUATION. CLIFFORD NOTED THAT HE KEPT IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH DEPARTMENT WHICH HAD KEPT HIM FULLY INFORMED RE FAMAGUSTA SITUATION; HE HOWEVER DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS BEST APPROACH AT THIS TIME. HE RECALLED THAT MATTER HAD BEEN RAISED WITH TURKISH AMBASSADOR (STATE 171133); WE WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE OUR VIEWS KNOWN TO THE PARTIES. VANCE

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